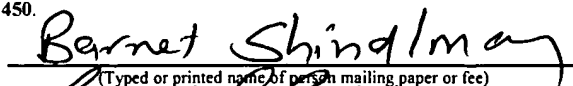

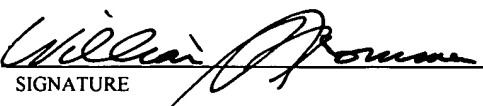


FORM PTO-1390 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (REV. 12-2004)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>450100-05172</b>
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>10/527922</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2004/010317</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>July 20, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DOCUMENT NO. <b>2003-277128</b>  PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>July 18, 2003</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION IMAGE INFORMATION ENCODING APPARATUS AND IMAGE INFORMATION ENCODING METHOD, AND IMAGE INFORMATION DECODING APPARATUS AND IMAGE INFORMATION DECODING METHOD</b>		
<b>APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Teruhiko SUZUKI, Akira SUGIYAMA, Kyohei KOYABU</b>		
Applicants herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol>		
PCT/ISA/210, 12 SHEETS OF DRAWINGS, CLAIM OF PRIORITY, REFERENCES FOR IDS, 1 PAGE ABSTRACT, PCT REQUEST		<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>EXPRESS MAIL</u></b></p> <p>Mailing Label Number: <b>EV375020055US</b></p> <p>Date of Deposit: <b>March 16, 2005</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service</p> <p>"Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">           (Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)       </p> <p style="text-align: center;">           (Signature of person mailing paper or fee)       </p>

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21. The following fees are submitted					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Basic national fee.....		\$300.00	\$300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Examination fee.....		\$200.00	\$200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Search fee.....		\$500.00	\$500.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS .....			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
93 - 100 =	0 / 50 =		x \$250.00	\$0.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	25 - 20 =	5	x \$50.00	\$200.00	
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	x \$200.00	\$200.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,450.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$1,450.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,450.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignments (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.				+ \$40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,490.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$
				Amount to be charged:	\$
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks in the amount of <b>\$1,450.00 and \$40.00</b> to cover the above fees are enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>50-0320</b>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p>					
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <p>William S. Frommer, Esq. Frommer Lawrence &amp; Haug LLP 745 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10151</p> <p><b>Dated: March 16, 2005</b></p>					
				<p> SIGNATURE</p> <p>William S. Frommer NAME</p> <p>25,506 REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>	